

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-18 (Cancelled)

Claim 19 (Currently Amended) A display screen management apparatus for controlling a screen resource that is required to display a screen on a display, the display screen management apparatus comprising:

a processor;

an instruction section receiving an instruction to switch a screen currently displayed on the display to another screen; and

a screen control section for determining whether or not to discard the screen resource of the currently displayed screen when the currently displayed screen is switched to the another screen.

wherein, when (i) it is determined that the currently displayed screen is completely hidden by the another screen, and (ii) an attribute of the currently displayed screen indicates that the currently displayed screen is in a resident state indicating that the screen resource of the currently displayed screen is to invariably remain in a generated state, the screen control section displays displaying, using the processor, the another screen on the display without discarding the screen resource of the currently displayed screen.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended) The display screen management apparatus according to claim 19, wherein, when the attribute of the currently displayed screen does not indicate that the currently displayed screen is in the resident state, and when a display time, from when the another screen-screen is displayed on the display to when the another screen is in to a non-

displayed state, is shorter than a predetermined time, the screen control section does not discard the screen resource of the currently displayed screen.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented) The display screen management apparatus according to claim 19, wherein, when it is determined that the currently displayed screen is completely hidden by the another screen and when it is determined that by causing at least a portion of the another screen to be transparent, the currently displayed screen is not hidden by the another screen, the screen control section displays the another screen on the display without discarding the screen resource of the currently displayed screen.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended) A display screen management method for controlling a screen resource that is required to display a screen on a display, the display screen management method comprising:

inputting an instruction to switch a screen currently displayed on the display to another screen; and

determining whether or not to discard the screen resource of the currently displayed screen when the currently displayed screen is switched to the another screen,

wherein, at the determining~~displaying~~, when (i) it is determined that the currently displayed screen is completely hidden by the another screen, and (ii) an attribute of the screen resource of the currently displayed screen indicates that the currently displayed screen is in a resident state indicating that the screen resource of the currently displayed screen is to invariably remain in a generated state, the another screen is displayed on the display without discarding the screen resource of the currently displayed screen.